



Semester Programs

Gustolab International partners with University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Hobart and William Smith Colleges to provide study abroad programs specific to Food Culture, Media and Communication, Sustainability, Nutrition, Food Businesses, history and art. Below is the list of programs developed from our collaboration.

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Topics in the Fall, Spring or Summer programs range from food history to the critical analysis on food systems, from the sustainable agriculture to architecture, from nutrition to the use of media and/or design to communicate food products. In the summer and fall, students can also intern while taking courses. A learning facilitator is always available to support students in their new life studying abroad and to provide cross-cultural education and mediation. Students live in shared apartments in the Rome city center experiencing daily Roman life.

FALL 2020

WHEN

Sept 4 – Dec 12,
2020

APPLY BY

March 15, 2020

WHERE

Rome, Italy

OPEN TO

The program is open only to students from UIUC

OVERVIEW

The fall term is dedicated to the study of sustainable Italian food systems, hands-on learning about the production of olive oil, wine and cheese, a critical review of the Italian food marketing and the tourism industry; and the nutritional aspect of the Mediterranean diet. Excursions in regional farms and wineries throughout Italy give students the opportunity to learn more about food through direct contact with local people, farmers and entrepreneurs. The fall term is designed, promoted and managed by GLi and UIUC. Language Courses provider: Scuola Leonardo da Vinci Rome.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **COURSES OFFERED:** [Course descriptions page >](#)



- **CREDITS:** Credits determined by UIUC.
- **COST:** Contact the UIUC Illinois Abroad & Global Exchange office.
- **PROGRAM SUPERVISORS:** Dr. Pier Alberto Merli – Resident director in Rome; Dr. Sonia Massari – Academic Director
- **HOW TO APPLY:** UIUC students should apply directly through the UIUC Illinois Abroad & Global Exchange office.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY FOR OUR CUSTOMIZED PROGRAMS (SPRING AND FALL SEMESTERS)

TUITION

The withdrawal fee immediately after commitment and up to 60 days before the beginning of a semester program is \$1500.

Refunds after the commitment to a semester program:

- A 50% refund will be made if students withdraw 30-60 days before the beginning of the semester program.
- No refunds will be made if withdrawal is made within 30 days of the beginning of a semester program.
- Upon arrival in Italy, no refund will be made for any reason whatsoever in case the student decides to withdraw from the program, or change the number of courses or cancel, change or vacate the assigned housing.

HOUSING

After commitment to the semester program, the following refund policy will apply if a student withdraws from the program

- A 100% refund if withdrawal is 60 days before the start date
- A 50% refund if withdrawal is between 31-59 days before the start date
- No refunds if withdrawal is made between the start date – 30 days before the start date

SPRING 2020



WHEN

Jan 17- May 9, 2020

APPLY BY

October 1, 2019

WHERE

Rome, Italy

OPEN TO

The program is open only to students from UIUC

OVERVIEW

The Food and Culture in Rome program focuses on the critical study of culture, systems and politics of food in Italy. Students will study the food culture of Italy, food media and communications, architecture of ancient Rome, art history, social dynamics, economy, and the language and culture of Italy. In-class learning is complemented with visits to specific sites and locations, meetings with producers and experts, the production of a short documentary, cooking lessons, and group work with other students from Italian universities in Rome. Designed, promoted and managed by Gustolab International and UIUC. Language Courses provider: Scuola Leonardo da Vinci Rome.

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 - **COST:** Costs are available by contacting the UIUC Illinois Abroad & Global Exchange office.
 - **PROGRAM SUPERVISORS:** Dr. Pier Alberto Merli (GLi CEO) – Resident Director in Rome, Dr. Sonia Massari (GLi Director) – Programs and Academic Director in Rome.
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SUMMER 2020

WHEN

May 25 - June 20, 2020
Internship: June 20 - July 20,
2020

APPLY BY
February 1,
2020

WHERE
Rome, Italy

OPEN TO

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OVERVIEW

STUDY AND INTERN PROGRAM IN ROME SUMMER 2019

During the summer program, students learn to analyze Italian food and wine, study nutrition, explore



local and global food communication trends and work on a video project, and learn the Italian language. An important part of the program is intercultural and experiential learning, which allows students to learn about the cultural aspects of the food system through visits, excursions and meetings with professionals, Italian students and community members. After the program, students have the option to continue on to do a 4-week internship in various locations throughout Italy.

The summer term program is designed, promoted and managed by GLi and UIUC. Language Courses provider: Scuola Leonardo da Vinci Rome.

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- **WITHDRAWAL POLICY FOR OUR SUMMER TERM PROGRAMS (SUMMER COURSES AND ACADEMIC INTERNSHIPS):** \$1,000 regardless of individual student's program costs – Time of commitment up to 60 days prior to program start date, 50% of individual student program costs- 60-30 days prior to program start date, 100% of individual student program costs – 30 days prior to program start date. Upon arrival in Italy, no refund will be made for any reason whatsoever in case the student decides to withdraw from the program, or change the number of courses or cancel, change or vacate the assigned housing.

Hobart And William Smith Colleges

GLi is the legalized center for Hobart and William Smith (HWS) Colleges in Rome. HWS programs in Rome are typically faculty-led and are co-designed with GLi to create tailored programs every semester. Italian language courses are provided through GLi's partner school, Scuola Leonardo Da Vinci. Students live in shared apartments in the Rome city center experiencing daily Roman life like



the majority of Italian university students, which allows them to pass from the status of foreign tourist/student to the more conscious and knowledge “resident” in Rome.

FALL 2019

WHEN

Sept 5 -Dec 14,
2019

APPLY BY

See HWS website

WHERE

Rome, Italy

OPEN TO

The program is open only to students from HWS

OVERVIEW

The HWS faculty-led program includes a faculty-led component, which offers one or more courses on art, architecture, sculpture, anthropology, tourism, imaging or travel-writing. The courses vary every semester based on the faculty that leads the program. GLi offers the food related and design oriented experiential learning courses, such as the Foodways and Foodscapes course where students examine the connection between food, identities, design and communities through specific projects. Students also take an Italian language and culture course which build upon the foundation of Italian language study completed at HWS prior to the program. A variety of visits to local sites complement in-class instruction and a series of “labs” introduce students to various aspects of Italian culture and society. Students with more advanced Italian skills are placed in an upper-level class.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **COURSES OFFERED:** One or more course(s) led by HWS faculty, a food and sustainability course offered by GLi.
- **CREDITS:** Credits determined by HWS.
- **COST:** Contact the HWS Center for Global Education office.
- **PROGRAM SUPERVISORS AND STAFF:** Dr. Pier Alberto Merli – Resident director in Rome; Dr. Sonia Massari – Academic Director and Coordinator of the Food-related courses in Rome, one or more faculty from HWS. Past faculty include Professor Jim Capreedy, Professor Walter Bowyer, Professor Jack Harris, Professor Ted Aub, Professor Gabriella D’Angelo, Professor Cheryl Forbes, Professors Patricia and Stan Matthews,



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- **HOW TO APPLY:** HWS students should apply directly through the HWS Global Education Office

SPRING 2020

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2020

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Student testimonials

"This program was the best decision I ever made. Gustolab International is a great school that helped immerse me into the Italian culture while also teaching me about nutrition and sustainability"

Student from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

"As cliché as it sounds, studying abroad really does change your life. For me, Gustolab has opened my eyes to the world of incredible wine, olive oil and food production in general. Sustainability is definitely something I want to implement in my life and in my diet. Come with an open mind and allow yourself to be blown away by the Italian language, food and vital environmental issues."

Student from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

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